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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TAJIMA, Kazuhiko et al.**

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For. **WAIST EXPANDING AND CONTRACTING STRUCTURE FOR PANTS OR  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Date: January 5, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2003 for two months from November 6, 2003 to January 6, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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